

MRS. VISCONTI GOES ON STAND IN PROBE

Gives Name of Informant Secretly to Investigation Committee.

LAWSON SEATED NEARBY

Price Breaks Down When Questioned on Intimate Details of Life.

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Male of a bond purchased by him in 1912. He went again when asked where he got the money with which to buy the bonds in 1912.

In redemption of his promise to Mrs. Visconti to present if she was called as a witness, Thomas W. Lawson, the Boston financier, who started the whole black investigation, sat directly behind her during the brief time she was on the stand.

Lawson Enters Room.

While the committee was in executive session, Thomas W. Lawson entered the hearing room majestically. When his eyes found a small blonde woman in the large crowd, he approached her and shook her by the hand.

Immediately all eyes in the room were directed toward the Boston financier and the only woman in the investigation.

Mrs. Visconti, who went to the House office building in a street car, was attired in a dark blue suit of military cut, adorned with large black buttons in front, a large gray fur collar and deep cuffs of the same fur.

Wore Long Skirt.

Over her white gloves fell extended cuffs of soft tulle. On her arm hung a small handbag.

Her rather long skirt hid the tops of her bronze, buttoned shoes, and this seemed to emphasize her tiny feet.

A large bird's wing with touches of gray, red and blue on her hat, relieved the severity of her unusual shape.

'Timid Looking Woman.'

Mrs. Visconti is a timid looking little woman, with a constant expression of surprise in her large blue eyes. Her features are sharp, thin, and without color. Her cheekbones are high, her cheeks somewhat sunken and her nose aquiline.

Of Pronounced Pallor.

Her pallor was pronounced, and she seemed as if she had just recovered from a long illness.

Mrs. Visconti stood with her back against the wall as she talked with Lawson. Her brows were knit and arched by turns as she conversed in animated tones, with frequent gestures and flourishes of the soft white tulle dangling from her cuffs.

Crowd Grows Larger.

While the two were talking, the crowd was augmented and the newcomers joined the others in the room in directing their gaze at Lawson and Mrs. Visconti.

The woman witness was scrutinized by at least 600 pairs of eyes.

Mrs. Visconti seemed to be conscious of the fact that everybody was looking at her, and shifted her diminutive weight from one foot to the other, and fumbled nervously with her handbag.

Called to Witness Stand.

The conference was suddenly interrupted by Attorney Whipple, who loudly called, "Mrs. Visconti, Mrs. Visconti."

Chairman Henry joined in, saying "Mrs. Visconti will kindly step around and take the witness stand."

The 600 pairs of eyes followed the timid little woman from the western end of the room to the witness stand in the center.

As she stepped upon the platform on which the witness chair stood, she accidentally kicked a brass cuspidor. The rattle seemed to frighten her.

Lawson Seated Nearby.

As Mrs. Visconti seated herself in the witness chair, Lawson ensconced himself in a chair directly behind her, with a look of mingled defiance and determination in his face and manner.

The excited little woman was ordered to stand up and take the oath administered to all witnesses before the committee.

She Takes the Oath.

As Chairman Henry, looking the witness squarely in the eye, said, "you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God," Mrs. Visconti stood on the platform with her right hand raised.

She looked directly at Chairman Henry as if to pierce him with the concentrated gaze of her blue eyes.

Her uplifted hand quivered, and her whole being seemed to pulse and throb with suppressed emotion and excitement.

Women Criticize Appearance.

Some of the women in the audience whispered, "She's scared to death."

After being sworn Mrs. Visconti seated herself and unbuttoned her coat.

As she folded back the black silk lapels, she disclosed a rather long throat, and a low-cut georgette vest, which caught at the center with a large pale blue turquoise brooch, circular in shape.

Showed Nervousness.

So far as an unusual outward demonstration was concerned, she was calm, but her nervousness showed as she continually removed and put on her white gloves, disclosing two very small hands, with attenuated fingers, bearing no rings.

Answering Attorney Whipple's first question, "Give your name," she spoke in a voice so soft and excessively modulated that she was instructed to speak louder.

Scarcely Heard by Crowd.

Even when she raised her voice, however, the crowd could scarcely hear or follow her testimony. The spectators leaned forward, craning their necks and straining their ears to catch her every word and study her features.

Mrs. Visconti was asked only a few questions before she was abruptly

COAL FAMINE IS AGAIN IMMINENT

Situation Today More Acute Than at Any Time This Winter.

Washington faces a serious shortage in its coal supply.

The situation, it was said, by dealers today, is more acute than at any time this winter. The statement was made by one dealer that the supply is not sufficient to last more than four days. This dealer said he had been compelled to refuse any more orders for delivery this week.

Increased consumption, due to the cold weather during the last few days, and difficulties in procuring cars for transportation, it was said, are largely responsible for conditions. It was pointed out also that factories all over the country which formerly worked an eight-hour shift, are now working twenty-four hours and are using three times the ordinary supply.

The famine has several times threatened the school buildings, which have been kept open only through extraordinary efforts on the part of the Commissioners and Purchasing Officer M. C. Hargrove. The last consignment of 6,000 tons was bought on January 12 from the J. P. Agnew Company, of this city, at 47.45 tons. The amount used is about 2,000 tons.

Applies to Shipyards.

It reaches not only to shipping owned by citizens or corporations of this country, but to vessels building in this country and to dock facilities and all instrumentalities of water commerce. Sale or transfer of shipping to foreign flags is prohibited. The property may be seized without notice if the emergency warrants.

The House Judiciary Committee has reported a bill which would regulate the conduct of war-bound vessels in American ports and empower the President to take possession of them in case of war or threatened war. This is aimed at the reported purpose to scuttle German ships in American ports.

Railroads Also Included.

President Wilson also will be clothed with power to take over the railroads and operate them in time of war or grave emergency.

This will be one of the most far-reaching of the war measures of the session. While the subject was much discussed prior to the new German crisis, recent events have seemed to make it necessary.

Senators on the Interstate Commerce Committee said they expected a bill would soon be reported and they did not believe there would be opposition thereto.

In the House, like action will be taken. It is possible, however, it will be in the form of an amendment to the army bill, making it a pure military measure.

COURT PERMITS SNORING

Plea of Wife for Separation Allowance Fails.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—No matter what key it may be pitched in a husband's innocent snoring does not constitute cruelty, and if a wife with a sensitive ear and temperament must leave the snorer's bed and board she need expect no court assistance. Such was the conclusion reached by Magistrate Cornell in the domestic relations court, after he had heard the story told by Mrs. Mary Nosnick, of long, sleepless nights while John snored on in peace and comfort.

"He doesn't gamble or drink or anything like that," Mrs. Nosnick told the magistrate, "but, oh, if you could just hear him snore once you wouldn't blame me for leaving him, judge."

"I don't mean to snore, your honor," John pleaded, "I wouldn't snore for anything if I could help it. I don't do it on purpose."

John need not pay for his wife's support, but must contribute \$6 weekly toward the care of their sixteen-month-old baby.

GUARDS MARKING TIME

Third Regiment Held in Readiness for Action.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 8.—The Third District of Columbia Infantry has adopted a policy of "watchful waiting," and the regiment is in readiness to move on short notice to perform any service that may be demanded by the Government.

Although nothing official can be obtained at Southern Department headquarters, there is a well-defined report here that in the event of hostilities the D. C. troops and many other national guard organizations now engaged in Mexican border duty will be rushed to Eastern seaboard points.

While marking time at Camp Wilson, the Washington guardsmen are increasing their military efficiency through daily drills and training. Today the companies were put through close order drill and given bayonet exercises. Later there was instruction by squads in patrolling, signaling, and sending messages, which was followed by regimental drill.

PRESIDENT ON LINKS

Spends Two Hours at Golf With Mrs. Wilson.

Accompanied only by Mrs. Wilson and the secret service men, President Wilson again went golfing this morning. More than two hours were spent on the links.

The President's engagements today included conferences with Ambassador Fletcher at 10 o'clock, Bishop Collins Denny, Mrs. Henry Dimock and William J. Patterson, Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., at 2:30, and Herbert Quick, of the Federal Farm Loan Board, at 3 o'clock.

TO PUBLISH SPANISH MESSAGE

The State Department expects to give the text of the Spanish protest against the German submarine blockade for publication this afternoon.

The message protests Germany's "barred zone," but does not break with Germany.

Strongly Recommended

"Pain is no respecter of persons," says Dr. E. L. Abogado. "It knows no distinction of race, creed or wealth. The pain of the man of millions with a rusty foot is as acute as that of the most lowly citizen nursing his jaw in a frenzy of neuralgia. For the time being the one thought uppermost in the minds of both is that they would gladly give their all to get rid of the pain."

"The prominent symptoms of many diseases are pain and fever and I have found that anti-kamnia tablets are equally as effective as fever reducers as they are as pain-relievers. Therefore, in any diseases where pain or fever exist either separately or together, anti-kamnia tablets have their proper use."

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—Adv.

BILL TO GIVE WAR POWERS OFFERED

Sweeping Authority Vested in President by Emergency Measure.

Sweeping powers to commandeer vessels and other shipping facilities in time of war are conferred on the President by a bill introduced in the Senate and House.

The bill has the approval of the President, and was drawn at the instance of Secretary McAdoo and the Shipping Board.

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SPAIN PROTESTS U-BOAT WARFARE

Sends Strong Note to Germany Condemning Latest Submarine Move.

MADRID, Feb. 8.—Couched in firmest tones of protest and characterizing Germany's new sea methods as "outside the legal principles of international life," Spain has forwarded her note to Berlin in reply to the German government's announcement of the "barred zone."

It concludes with the expression that Spain "does not doubt that the imperial government will find * * * means of giving satisfaction to Spain's claims."

These claims, the note sets forth, "are based on the inexorable duty which binds a government to protect the lives of its subjects and maintain the integrity of its sovereignty so that the course of the national existence may not be interrupted."

They are that Spain's shipping and the lives of her citizens be not menaced by "substituting by Germany for the indisputable right of capture in certain cases, a pretended right of destruction."

Caused Painful Expression.

Germany's new warfare, it is declared "caused a very painful impression on the Spanish government."

"The attitude of strict neutrality which Spain adopted from the beginning and has maintained with loyalty and unshakable firmness," the note continues, "gives her the right to expect that the lives of her subjects engaged in sea trade should not be placed in such grave peril. It also gives her the right to expect that the trade should not be troubled nor diminished by such an increase in the extent of the zones in which the imperial government insists that, in order to attain its ends, it must use all weapons and suppress all limitations which it has hitherto imposed upon its methods of naval warfare."

Wording of Protest.

"Even before the imperial government had set aside these restrictions, his ma-

GERMAN-AMERICANS LOYALTY PLEDGED

Service of 3,000,000 Alliance Members Promised in Event of War With Germany.

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The resolution, read by the Rev. Julius Hoffman, pastor of Zion Church, Baltimore, and secretary of the alliance, declared that the organization will continue its collection of funds for the relief of war sufferers of the Germanic allies.

Should Germany and America open actual hostilities, however, every penny of it will be turned over to the United States for military purposes. Nearly \$1,000,000 already has been collected by the German-American Alliance and sent to Berlin through Ambassador von Bernstorff.

Dr. C. J. Hexemer, national president of the alliance, and thirteen members that constitute its national committee, attended. They represented by proxy twenty-eight States in this country and 3,000,000 German-American members.

Dr. Hexemer denied efforts had been made to keep the meeting a secret, but said it had not been announced because the German-American Alliance needs "no patriotic advertising."

REAL CONVENTION CITY

Washington Has Valid Claim to Disputed Title.

Washington's claim as the convention city of the United States was further proved today when the long list of associations, societies, clubs, and organizations of various kinds to meet here during the present year, was made public by the conventions committee of the Washington Chamber of Commerce.

The Patriarchs, March 5; R. A. Grand Council, April 2; Association of Collegiate Alumnae, April 9-14; Navy League of the United States, April 10; Daughters of the American Revolution, April 16-21; Washington Kennel Club, show, April 23-24; National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Associations, April 27-May 1; Federation of Women's Clubs, May 1-2; League to Enforce Peace, May 10-12; Rebekah Assembly, May 11; National Wholesale Grocers of the United States, May 14; United Order of the Golden Cross, May 15; United Confederate Veterans' Reunion, May 28-June 2; Patternmakers' League of North America, June 1; Funeral Benefit Association of the United States, Jr. O. U. A. M., June 11-12; Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets, Enchanted Realm, June 12-13; Order Eastern Star Supreme Grand Chapter, July 20-22; American Gas Institute, October 16-19; Colonial Dames of America National Council, May 1; American National Red Cross, December 12; Women's National River and Harbor Congress, December 13; National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, December 14; Internal Revenue Association, December 15; Ancient and Illustrous Knights of Malta, Supreme Grand Commandery, October 16-18.

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Pompeian Brand Pure Olive Oil

The quality brand, at very low prices.

1/2 Pt.	Pint	Quart
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10 Lbs. REFINED GRANULATED SUGAR

2 Cans Challenge Milk	27c
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2 5c Pkgs. Sunshine Biscuits	9c

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Prepared from select Oranges, Grape Fruit, Lemons, and Sugar. Glass.

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Fresh Creamery Butter, our Derrydale Brand, equal in quality to grades sold elsewhere at 45c lb. Our price 42c 1 lb. print

LENOX SOAP 3 Cakes 10c

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PURE LARD, Open Kettle Rendered. Worth more than we ask. 20c lb.

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LEAN PORK CHOPS, lb. 24c

BREAKFAST BACON, Machine sliced, lb. 27c

Prime Native Beef

Chuck Roast, lb.	20c
Boneless Pot Roast, lb.	18c
Prime Rib Roast, lb.	24c
Hamburg Steak, lb.	16c
Round Steak, lb.	25c

FRESH FISH!

FRESH TILE, lb.	18c
FRESH YELLOW PERCH, lb.	12 1/2c
SALT WATER OYSTERS, Solid measure, Qt.	40c
Trout, Butterfish, Sea Bass, Croakers,	12 1/2c

Fancy small Wine-sap Apples, 15c

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Extra Fancy CRANBERRIES

Quart, 8c

ARRIVES FROM GLASGOW

Liner Tuscania Docks Safely After Hazardous Passage.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The Tuscania, of the Anchor Line, arrived today with fifty-six passengers from Glasgow.

She was three days late, due to bad weather and the roundabout course taken on the sea.

Robert W. Bedford, Montreal agent of the Anchor Line, was among the passengers. They had not heard of the sinking of the California until they reached port.

SEEKS HERB PHYSICIAN.

The local police have been asked by Deputy Coroner Ward, of Philadelphia, to help locate relatives of an aged physician, Dr. Charles H. Will, son of 1529 North Twenty-first street, that city, who died several days ago.

According to the Philadelphia authorities, the dead man was an herb physician and traveled extensively. The deputy coroner said the aged man had a sister, who, it is stated, married a Washington medical man and is living in the District.

AN EXPERT ON COLDS

Probably few people realize that a cold is the signal of weakness.

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